

They have given freely both money and life—and the government has been rapidly socializing industry. Life has been made cheap in Europe, but so has property—and the leveling process has brought the high and low closer together on one social plane. Men have been mowed down by war, but not manhood. And womanhood is on a higher plane than ever before. Men who survive and go home from the trenches when peace comes will know more about the divine right of kings and the human rights of men than they did before. They've had time to think it all over.

The very fear of war in this country has increased the importance to society of the man who must do the fighting if war actually comes. See how those who spurned him in the business and industrial game now appeal to him to enlist. To appeal to his patriotism they must show some of their own. Any scheme of preparedness must consider healthy, wholesome manhood, and that means provision for the birth and rearing of healthy children under wholesome surroundings. It means more intelligent attention to motherhood.

While the nation is in a fever of preparedness and patriotism labor may properly take advantage of the situation and impress upon the nation the importance of the conservation of the physical and mental health of ALL of the people. If patriotism can be used to good purpose for the welfare of the working class, why not make the most of it?

—O—O— BITS OF NEWS

No more "real cold" weather this winter, says forecaster.

Dr. Caroline Hedger says she has found new typhoid serum.

Justice Geo. Kimball, Constable Jacob Hendricks and A. H. Larue, ex-water works supt., all of Aurora, indicted on graft charges.

DEALERS ARE MORE LIKE KINGS THAN OLD KING COAL HIMSELF

Treatment that one consumer says she got from a coal company during the time of the alleged shortage is shown by the story told today by Lucille Faber of 3580 Vincennes av. It follows:

"I signed a contract last spring with the Hartwell Coal Co. in the People's Gas bldg. I didn't go after them; they sent a man to me and he told me that if I didn't get a contract I might have to pay a higher price for my fuel this winter.

"Under the terms of the contract I was to get 20 tons of Pocahontas mine run coal at \$4.60 per ton. I got about 13 tons of this coal up until last week.

"Last Friday I called the offices of the coal company, told them who I was and that I had a contract for the coal. The gentleman to whom I talked told me I would be taken care of and switched me to another clerk.

"I was surprised when this man claimed they didn't have any Pocahontas mine run coal, but they would sell me some like it for \$7.50 a ton.

"As my contract called for coal at \$4.60 I wouldn't take this, of course.

"I had a friend of mine call up a few minutes later. He asked the coal company man who answered the phone if they could sell him some Pocahontas mine run. They told him that they would sell all he wanted for \$7.50 a ton.

"Then I took hold of the phone and gave the man a piece of my mind. I explained that they had just claimed they were out of this coal.

"The man ended the conversation by promising to get the coal for me and send it out.

"I left the house to go to the store a few minutes later, and when I got back there was a message for me to call the coal firm. I did so and was curtly informed that there was not a lump of Pocahontas mine run in the place. So there you are."